THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes. Sir, A provision of Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been made in the Annual Plan (1998-99) for carrying out survey and investigation for four-laning of Mumbai-Nasik segment of N.H. No. 3 in the Maharashtra State.

Wage Revision of Port and Dock Workers

1507. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether port and dock workers' labour unions are demanding wage revision; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Bipartite Wage Negotiations Committee has been constituted to go into the wage revision of port and dock workers.

Declining Investment in Road Sector

1508. PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government investment on roads is reducing;

(b) if so, whether the private sector is expected to fill the wide gaps between allocation of funds and requirement; and

(c) the progress made by the private sector in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is reducing in terms of percentage of total outlay of various Five Year Plans.

(b) Yes, Sir to the extent feasible.

(c) So far 11 projects costing about Rs. 580 crores have been awarded to Private Sector and are at various stages of completion.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts of Air Port Authority of India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot Pawan Hans Ltd. New Delhi and I.G.R. Uran Akademy and related papers

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under subsection (4) of section 28 of the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994:—

(i) Second Annual Report and Accounts of the Airports Authority of India, New Delhi for the year 1996-97, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT. 661/98]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under subsection (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Airlines Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Airlines Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, to-